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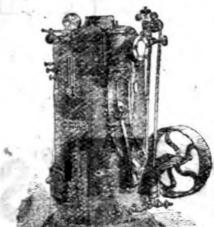
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LITERATURE OF THE DAY

THE MOSLEM TEMPLE.

church of Santa Sophia, now a mosque, shall be restored to Christianity. This grand building, which covers about 70 000 square feet-more than one and a half acres -was erected by Justinian in the sixth century. It was eight years in building, and | declares by the pointed arch and the ribbedwhen at last it stood complete, it appeared stone, meeting far up overhead in dim indisso marvelous in the eyes of all who saw it that it was generally believed not only that the accumulation of masses, by heap upon an angel had given the plan, but that heaven heap, by colossal labors, by a multiplied had rained gold and gems for the express

The noblest temples of Greece and Asia tic Sphinxes. were despoiled, and pillars of the most precious marbles were brought to Constantinople. Ephesus, Pergamus, Baalbec, gave up phyry and syenite, which centuries before Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

he exclaimed, as he gazed upon the completed building; and it is said that he caused a statue of Solomon to be erected ones were removed to the British Museum opposite the church, with a sad expression, as though grieving at the vast size and beauty of Justinian's work.

Earthquakes shook the church within a few years of its completion. The great dome fell, and was restored by a younger Isadorus, nephew of the mechanician. Repairs were made to the fabric by successive emperors; but the design was never altered and there were no additions. Then came | and chin. The face is about seventy feet the fatal May of 1453. At the high a tar of | height; the whole length of the creature St. Sophia, Constantine received the holy was about one hundred and ninety feet, and sacrament during the night before the great | the paws buried in the sand are said to ex-

As the news spread that the Mohammedans had made their way into the city, the old awe and veneration which had spread a sort of mystery around St. Sophia returned. Senators, priests, monks and nuns hastened to take refuge within its walls, recalling an ncient tradition that an angel would descend at the moment when the infidels were advancing toward the column of Constantine the Great, and putting a sword into the hand of a certain man who would be sitting at the base of the column, would order him to avenge the people of God; whereupon the Turks, seized with a panic, would take to flight to the borders of Persia.

But no such heavenly aid came to the twenty thousand people who crowded St. Sophia. Mohammed, on entering the city, rode directly to the great church. Many women and children were divided among the soldiers as slaves; and all furniture, plate and ornaments disappeared so quickly hat, in the words of Einley, "the mighty temple soon presented few traces of having been a Christian church."

Mobammed himself was, it is said, greatly impressed with the rich marbles and splendor of the place. He caused the muezzins who were with him to summon the troops to prayer; and his own prayer-carpet was spread on the high altar. There the " Son of Iniquity," as the Christian Ducas calls him, announced that an orthodox Greek Empire was extinct; and from that time the church of Justinian has served as the chief mosque of the city.

The various Christian emblems were coverved with plaster, and thin coats of paint and mosaic which could have offended no one, were afterward treated in a similar manner. Several large and exterior buttresses, rendered necessary, it is asserted. by the shock of the earthquake, were added by Selim II. and Amurath III.; but what night be considered a fortunate neglect was more or less the fate of St. Sophia, until 1847, when it was placed in repair by the Italian architect, Foscati, at the instance of the Sultan Abdul Mejid. This work lasted through two years, and was com-Brackets, Etc. pleted under great difficulties. Only the zeal of Reschid Pasha, it is said, enabled him to bring it to a successful end, -Phila.

THE SPHINX.

In times almost pre-historic, this creatur was born of Egypt's sad and solemn mythology. Yes, that aucient nation is the home of the Sphinz. Lest irreverence should dare enter to the worship of deity, there was need of a mysterious being to keep guard at the doors of the temple, and intimate the mightier mysteries within. In this fabled Sphinx wore united the human face and the body of the lion-symbol of intellect and strength in the divine attributes. Both religion and death had mysteries. Ranges, Cook and Parlor Stoves. The Sphinx at the porch of the temple and there were mysteries in both; but what en eternal calm.

The Greeks borrowed the idea from Egypt; but in the hands of her artists it lost in grandeur, while it gained in grace. The Grecian idea was only that of mystery. And so to the Splinx were given not only a human face and a leonine body, but the tail of a serpent and the wings of a kird, and the voice of a man.

All the world knows the Grecian fable, This monster infested the neighborhood of Thebes, proposing an enigma, and devouring any who could not guess it, but offering to destroy herself, if any one would give the true answer. She asked, "What animal walks on four legs in the morning, on two at noon, and on three at night?" (Edipus gnessed the riddle, by declaring that man was the animal, who, in the morning of life creeps on all fodr, at middle age stands erect | bid us tell her son her genases were all for on his feet, and in advanced life uses a stall him." on which to lead:

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tery that altaches always to religion - the place for the study of the Sphinx is Egypt. Everything about the temple or the tomb in that land is colossal. Egyptian architecture There is a belief of long standing among strove to impress not by beauty or grace, as the Greeks of Constantinople that the did the Grecian, but by vastness of proportion, by massive grandour, by heaping object upon object, by repetition and accumu-

the eternal. What the Gothic architecture tinetness, that the Egyptian would say by monopoly; hence gigantic pyramids and temples, approached between rows of gigan-

At Karoac, where is found the largest and most costly temple ever reared on earth, the avenue connecting it with Luxor is a mile their treasures, and masses of Egyptian por- in length; and this was crowded with these gigantic figures, placed, as those athl standhad been hewn for the bonor of Teus and | ing near the temple attest, only twenty feet injured. As the Turk at Athens mutilated nearly every head of the statnes, so in Egypt, in his zeal against idols, he left not not one perfect. He acted on the Irishman's theory, and whenever he saw a head,

> and the French collections. One of the wonders of the world is the great Sphinx that stands on the edge of the Lybian Desert, seven miles from Cairo. An eminence of solid rock was hown away, leaving this gigantic form. The fissures were milistone, have fallen away from the nose the nose stood a vast altar, and in front of the whole figure was a broad roadway, fend

> As a Sphinx never stood alone, the world is puzzled over the absence of its mate. It could not have been carried away, not have any traces of it ever been found. Some think the design was too vast, even for the Egyptian builders; some that one such Sphinx exhausted all effort. Be it as it may, this Sphinx has no companion.

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